Plan for motivating fruit and vegetable growers

1793. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to motivate the fruit and vegetable growers of such States where off season fruits and vegetables can be grown on a large scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will formulate any such plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture — Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans under which, among other things, the farmers are being given assistance for taking up cultivation of fruits and vegetables. This scheme is being implemented in all States & UTs in the Country. Under this scheme assistance is also being extended to the farmers for constructing green houses, which facilitate them in taking up of off season cultivation of fruits and vegetables.

(c) Does not arise.

Implementation of National Horticulture Mission

1794. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Horticulture Mission with the objective of doubling the horticultural production has been announced;

(b) if so, whether it is being implemented and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme has not been launched so far.

(c) The scheme will be implemented after its approval by the